

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, May 11:

Recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944: H.J. Res. 91, recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 409 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 175.

Pages H2986–87

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourn today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, May 17 for morning hour debate and further, that when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, May 18 for morning hour debate as though after May 31, 2004, thereafter to resume its session at 10 a.m. Page H2990

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, May 19. Page H2990

Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group—Appointments: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following members of the House to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group: Representatives Kolbe (Chairman), Ballenger (Vice Chairman), Dreier, Barton (TX), Manzullo, Weller, and Stenholm. Page H2990

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2921.

Senate Referral: S. Con. Res. 107 was held at the desk and S. Con. Res. 108 was referred to the Committee on Energy & Commerce. Page H3014

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yeas-and-nays votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2948–49, H2949, H2950, H2984, H2985–86, H2986, H2986–87, and H2987–88. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs held a hearing on Millennium Challenge Corporation. Testimony was heard from Andrew S. Natsios, Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development, Department of State; and Paul Applegarth, CEO, Millennium Challenge Corporation.

IMPROVING ACCESS TO ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 2004

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R.

4278, Improving Access to Assistive Technology for Individuals with Disabilities Act of 2004.

EXAMINING THE FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ACT AND ITS BENEFITS FOR WORKERS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing entitled "Examining the Federal Employees' Compensation Act and Its Benefits for Workers." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Labor: Shelby Hallmark, Director, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs; and Elliot Lewis, Assistant Inspector General, Audit; and public witnesses.

"THE US-EU REGULATORY DIALOGUE AND ITS FUTURE"

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled "The US-EU Regulatory Dialogue and Its Future." Testimony was heard from Randal Quarles, Assistant Secretary, International Affairs, Department of the Treasury; Ethiopia Tafara, Director, Office of International Affairs, SEC; Susan Bies, Governor, Federal Reserve Board, Federal Reserve System; and public witnesses.

HARNESSING SCIENCE

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled "Harnessing Science: Advancing Care by Accelerating the Rate of Cancer Clinical Trial Participation." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Michael Christian, M.D., Associate Director, Division of Cancer Treatment and Diagnosis, Cancer Therapy Evaluation Program, National Cancer Institute; and Richard Pazdur, M.D., Director, Division of Oncology Drug Products, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, FDA; and public witnesses.

IRAQ—TRANSFER OF SOVEREIGNTY

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on The Imminent Transfer of Sovereignty in Iraq. Testimony was heard from Marc Grossman, Under Secretary, Political Affairs, Department of State; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: Stephen A. Cambone, Under Secretary, Intelligence; Peter Rodman, Assistant Secretary, International Security Affairs; and LTG Walter L. Sharp, USA, Director, Strategic Plans and Policy, The Joint Chiefs of Staff.

BUSINESS ACTIVITY TAX SIMPLIFICATION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on H.R. 3220, Business Activity Tax Simplification Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from Jamie Van Fossen, Representative, State of Iowa; Rick Clayburgh, Tax Commissioner, State of North Dakota; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; FEDERAL MARRIAGE AMENDMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution approved for full Committee action the following measures: H.J. Res. 568, amended, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Judicial determinations regarding the meaning of the laws of the United States should not be based on judgments, laws, or pronouncements of foreign institutions unless such foreign judgments, laws, or pronouncements inform an understanding of the original meaning of the laws of the United States; and H.R. 1775, To amend title 36, United States Code, to designate the oak tree as the national tree of the United States.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on H.J. Res. 56, Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to marriage. Testimony was heard from Representatives Musgrave and Frank; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3433, To transfer federal lands between the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior; H.R. 3479, Brown Tress Snake Control and Eradication Act of 2003; H.R. 4027, To authorize the Secretary of Commerce to make available to the University of Miami property under the administrative jurisdiction of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on Virginia Key, Florida, for use by the University for a Marine Life Science Center; and H.R. 4158, To provide for the conveyance to the Government of Mexico of a decommissioned National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ship. Testimony was heard from Representatives Ros-Lehtinen, Emerson and Case; the following officials of the Department of the Interior: James Tate, Jr., Science Advisor to the Secretary; and William Hartwig, Assistant Director, National Wildlife Refuge System, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; the following officials of the USDA: William Clay, Deputy Administrator of Wildlife Services, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service; and Christopher Pyron, Deputy Chief, Business Operations, Forest Service; the following officials of Guam: Felix P. Camacho, Governor; and Senator Tiana Muna Barnes; Pedro A. Tenorio, Resident Representative to the United States, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and a public witness.

OVERSIGHT—FIREFIGHTING PREPAREDNESS

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing entitled "Firefighting Preparedness: Are we ready for the 2004 Wildlife Season?" Testimony was heard from Mark Rey, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, USDA; Lynn Scarlett, Assistant Sec-

retary, Policy, Management and Budget, Department of the Interior; Ellen Engleman Connors, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; and James B. Hull, Forester, Forest Service, State of Texas and Co-Chair, Blue Ribbon Panel on Federal Aerial Firefighting.

FEDERAL HIGH-PERFORMANCE COMPUTING R&D

Committee on Science: Held a hearing to examine federal high-performance computing research and development activities and to consider H.R. 4218, High-Performance Computing Revitalization Act of 2004. Testimony was heard from John H. Marburger III, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—FAA's AIR TRAFFIC ORGANIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held an oversight hearing on Avoiding Summer Delays and a Review of the FAA's Air Traffic Organization. Testimony was heard from Stephen J. McHale, Deputy Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; and the following officials of the FAA, Department of Transportation: Marion C. Blakey, Administrator; and Russell G. Chew, Chief Operating Officer.

OVERSIGHT—ACTS OF TERROR—PREPAREDNESS AND FIRST RESPONDER FUNDING

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management held an oversight hearing on How to Best Prepare for Acts of Terror: National Preparedness and First Responder Funding. Testimony was heard from William O. Jenkins, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, GAO; Andrew Mitchell, Deputy Director, Office of Domestic Preparedness, Department of Homeland Security; and George W. Foresman, Assistant to the Governor, Preparedness, State of Virginia.

VETERANS LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Subcommittee on Benefits approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 1716, amended, Veterans Earn and Learn Act; H.R. 3936, To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the principal office of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims to be at any location in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area, rather than only in the District of Columbia, and expressing the sense of Congress that a dedicated Veterans Courthouse and Justice Center should be provided for that Court and those it serves and should be located, if feasible, at a site owned by the United States that is part of or proximate to the Pentagon Reservation; H.R. 4175, amended, Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2004; and H.R. 4345, To amend title 38, United

States Code, to increase the maximum amount of home loan guaranty available under the home loan guaranty program of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

VETERANS LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 4231, Department of Veterans Affairs Nurse Recruitment and Retention Act of 2004; and H.R. 4248, Homeless Veterans Assistance Reauthorization Act of 2004.

FEDERAL CHILD WELFARE REVIEWS— STATE EFFORTS TO COMPLY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on State Efforts to Comply with Federal Child Welfare Reviews. Testimony was heard from Wade F. Horn, Assistant Secretary, Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; Cornelia M. Ashby, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, GAO; Edward Cotton, Director, Division of Youth and Family Services, Department of Human Services, State of New Jersey; and Christopher J. McCabe, Secretary, Department of Human Resources, State of Maryland.

HOMELAND SECURITY DEPARTMENT INTELLIGENCE BUDGET

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Department of Homeland Security Intelligence Budget. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY LANGUAGE CAPABILITIES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security held a hearing on Intelligence Community Language Capabilities. Testimony was heard from COL Michael R. Simone, USA, Commandant, Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center, Department of Defense; Richard Brecht, Executive Director, Center for Advanced Study of Language; and

Ellen Laipson, President and CEO, Henry L. Stimson Center.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY POLICY SHARING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security met in executive session to hold a hearing on Information Technology Policy Sharing. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the costs of health services regulations, focusing on quality and accessibility to health care insurance, the uninsured, and ways that health care coverage can be made more affordable, after receiving testimony from David A. Hyman, University of Maryland School of Law, Baltimore; Daniel Mulholland, Herty, Springer, and Mattern, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Vicki Gottlich, Center for Medicare Advocacy, Inc., Washington, D.C.; and Christopher J. Conover, Durham, North Carolina.

COAST GUARD AND MARITIME TRANSPORTATION ACT

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2443, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2004, to amend various laws administered by the Coast Guard, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 14, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.